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TO: DIR

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1. REFERENCE WHITING/PLAYDOM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RE SENDING ONE OR MORE CONTRACT PILOTS TO AURORA WITH CALLIGERIS AIRCRAFT. 4568

2. LIHO BELIEVES WOULD BE MISTAKE TO PERMIT ANY THESE PILOTS GO INTO WSBURNT BECAUSE:

A. THOUGH USE MERCENARIES ALLEGED NOT PROVED AND SEEMS UNNECESSARY TO PROVIDE COMMIES WITH THIS AMMO GRATUITOUSLY. SHERWOOD CONSISTENTLY DENIED MERCENARY CHARGE ON RADIO.

B. EVEN IF SOME OTHER EVIDENCE ABOUT PILOTS DISAPPEARANCE CONSISTENT WITH CONTRACT THEORY. ALSO STORY WILL DIE MUCH FASTER WITHOUT SPECIFIC PROOF BY APPEARANCE.

C. PUBLICITY WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY BE TREMENDOUS LEADING TO HOME TOWN PICTURES; PICTURES OF FAMILY; CONNECTION WITH MIAMI ETC.

D. QUESTIONING EVEN ASSUMING PILOTS STILL UNWITTING WOULD LEAD TO PUBLICITY ABOUT SET-UP; AIR OPS OFFICERS (KUBARK UNDER ALIASES); RADIO; DELIVERY OF AMMO, BOMBS, OTHER MATERIEL; PBPRIME KICKERS; PBPRIME HECHS; FANCY COMMO WITH FIELD FORCES ETC GRANTED ALL THIS KNOWN TO [ ] ET AL, BUT BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ASKED FEWER QUESTIONS BY PBPRIME MEMBERS, ALSO HAVE SOME INCENTIVE NOT TO TALK FREELY.

E. WSBURNT SHOW SHOULD BELONG TO CALLIGERIS/[ ] AND SHOULD NOT BE

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IN ANY WAY DIMINISHED BY PRESENCE PILOTS.

F. PERPAR NOT SO POPULAR IN MSHQTRS THAT IT CAN RISK CITIZENS PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN KILLING LOCALS AND BLAMED OF MANY OTHER CRIMES.

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